(VSP) of Rashtriya Ispat Nigam has been worked out which may involve the collaboration of the global steel majors;

(b) if so, whether the first phase of the expansion itself would cost Rs. 2500 crores which would enable the company's liquid steel production to be increased to five million tonnes from the existing three million tonnes;

(c) if so, the main features of the expansion plan; and

(d) by what time the proposed project is likely to be completed.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Performance of PSUs

2225. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the financial performance of public sector undertakings has improved and almost all the PSUs have registered profits during the last fiscal year;

(b) if so, the details of net profit earned by each PSU;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some loss making units have reduced losses substantially during 2002-03; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to maintain the *status quo* during the current financial year, too?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir. Performance of most of the public sector undertakings under the administrative control of Ministry of Steel has improved.

(b) The net profit/loss of each public sector undertaking during the year 2002-03 is as under:

(Rs. in crores)

Sl. No.	Name of PSU	Profit/(-)Loss during 2002-03
1.	Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)	(-) 304.00
2.	Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL)	521.00
3.	National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC)	421.84
4.	Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited (KIOCL)	87.53
5.	MSTC Limited	9.04
6.	Sponge Iron India Limited (SIIL)	7.47
7.	Hindustan Steelworks Construction Limited (HSCL)	(-)111.12
8.	MECON Limited	(-)62.91
9.	Bharat Refractories Limited (BRL)	(-) 33.12
10.	Manganese Ore India Limited (MOIL)	15.18
11.	Ferro Scrap Nigam Limited (FSNL)	4.74

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The following steps are being taken to improve the profitability of public sector undertakings:

* Intensive cost control and cost saving measures
* Control on capital expenditure
* Market oriented product-mix, reinforcing sales and marketing efforts with greater focus on customer satisfaction etc. resulting in better sales realisation.
* Rightsizing manpower.
* Prudent funds management.
* Improvement in operating efficiency

Pay to cricket selectors

2226. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MISS MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National selectors in cricket and other sports field are not paid salary but are compensated with a very meager sum of TA/DA which is a cause of their grievances;